

15. (Amended) The synthetic paper as claimed in claim [1] 13, wherein the modified low-molecular weight polypropylene as component D is a polymer obtained by additionally esterifying part or all of the carboxylic acid moieties of the modified low-molecular weight polypropylene [as claimed in claim 13] with a hydroxylated polyoxyalkylene compound.

20. (Amended) The synthetic paper as claimed in claim 19, wherein the surface layer consisting of [a] the stretched film of the resin composition [as claimed in claim 1] has a thickness of from 5 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the total thickness of all constituent layers is from 8 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

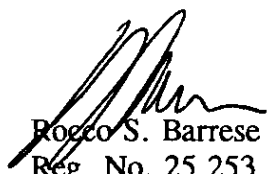
**REMARKS**

The claims in the application are 1-20.

The claims have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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